

REMEMBERING THE DEEDS OF THE LORD

I. THINKING RIGHTLY ABOUT THE PAST IS ENCOURAGING - PSALM 77:1-15

- A. If you are troubled or discouraged, think not about yourself and your problems, but think about the works of God from the past.
- B. Be meditating on what God has done, and you will see God.
- C. Learn to stop what you are doing, and think about what God has done, and then you will see the works and character of God, and you will be encouraged.

II. TELLING OTHERS ABOUT THE PAST - PSALM 78:1-8

- A. The older and more mature believers need to tell others the deeds of the Lord.
- B. Don't forget the works of God, and don't let others forget the works of God.
- C. Tell others about how God has been faithful, sovereign, wise, and merciful.
- D. You are to tell others both the word of God and the works of God.
This results in faith, soft hearts, obedience, and faithfulness to Him.

III. LOOKING BACK OVER YOUR DAY - Psalm 92:1-5

- A. Declare God's love in the morning, and then expect to see His love during the day.
- B. At night, remember how God has loved you and be thankful to Him. Lam. 3:20-23
- C. Having a godly and positive attitude in life relates to seeing the works of God.
- D. Might you say, "*How great are your works.*"

IV. THINK RIGHTLY ABOUT THE PAST, AND THEN PRAISE GOD - Psalm 145:1-9

- A. Meditate on the past so you can see the character of God, that He is good, powerful, gracious, patient, loving and awesome.
- B. Meditating on the past results in being encouraged and comforted, in being filled with joy, peace and love, and in giving glory to God.

V. THINKING RIGHTLY ABOUT THE PAST RESULTS IN THANKFULNESS - Psalm 136

- A. This is a Psalm about how God faithfully shows His love to His people.
- B. You see God's love in creation, in that God has forgiven you, and in that God has provided for you.
- C. You see God's love in how He worked with the Jews.
- D. The application is that you need to think back over your life, and see how God has specifically shown His love to you, and then be thankful to Him.

VI. A SUMMARY OF YOUR LIFE: GOD'S GOODNESS AND LOVE – Psalm 23:6

- A. God has shown you His goodness and love every day of your life.
- B. Think back over your life and see how God has shown you His goodness and love. Then you will be thinking rightly, and you will be encouraged, satisfied, content, thankful, and filled with hope.

VII. THE UNBELIEVER FORGETS AND THE BELIEVER REMEMBERS - Psalm 50:14-23

- A. The unbeliever does not think about God and what God has done.
The unbeliever does not know God, does not know what God is like, does not fear God, and in fact, brings God down to his own level.
- B. The believer, the godly person, does not forget God, does not forget what God has done, and does not forget to be thankful. Therefore, he will be blessed by God, and see His mercy, goodness and work in his life and in the lives of others.

VIII. “*THUS FAR THE LORD HAS HELPED ME*” - 1 Samuel 7:12

- A. You need to be able to look back over your life, and say,
“Thus far the Lord has helped me.”
- B. Have a plan, a way to record, to write down, to remember what God has done.

IX. SMILING AT THE PAST HELPS YOU SMILE AT THE FUTURE – Proverbs 31:25

- A. The godly woman is thinking rightly about the past, and therefore is not afraid of the future, but in fact, is smiling at the future.
- B. Think rightly about the past, be thankful, and then you will have faith and hope for the future, and you will smile at the future. Romans 15:13

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AND I WILL BLESS YOUR NAME FOREVER AND EVER....
ON THE GLORIOUS SPLENDOR OF YOUR MAJESTY,
AND ON YOUR WONDERFUL WORKS, I WILL MEDITATE.

Psalm 145:1, 5

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What is one thing you should do when you are discouraged? Why is this helpful?
3. Are you telling others about what God has done? What can you tell them?
4. What character qualities of God come to mind when you think back about what He has done?
5. Are you smiling at the future, at 2019? Why or why not?